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TOUJU

HALF DEMON AND
HALF YOKAI, HE ALONE
IS FEARLESS AND
UNFORGIVING.

BYAKUYA

A YOKAI WHOSE POWER IS
SO GREAT THAT HE IS FEARED
AS A GREAT YOKAI BY OTHER
ANAKASHI- AND TOUJUS FATHER.



WAN LON

A MAN OF THE UNDER-
WORLD WHO IS
CERTRAN KINGDOM'S
USED AS A MURK-
VANT IN TOWN. HE HAS
A SON WITH CHIUDHOOD.



I JUST WANTED YOU



情@明月



一祐物語

CRYSTAL TALES

第一話

CHAPTER 1



I HAVE SOME
THING I'D
LIKE YOU TO
GRANT ME.

IT'S CALLED
THE MERMAID
BLADE.



SO YOU
WANT TO
GRANT
MY WISH?

CHAN

DON'T YOU
WANT TO
POSSESS IT?

IT'S REALLY
PRECIOUS.

HEY, DON'T
TAKE IT OUT
WITHOUT
ASKING.



ONE CHAN,

WHAT'S THIS?

BECAUSE MUM
GAVE IT TO ME.

SHE TOLD ME TO GIVE IT
TO THE PERSON I MARRY.

I CAN'T

SO PRETTY

GIVE.

... I'M SORRY.
I'LL BUY YOU ANOTHER ONE.

I WANT IT.

I TOLD YOU NO.

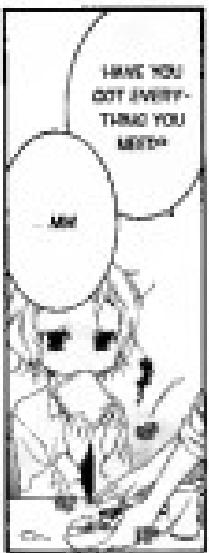
NO!

CHEZ, DON'T YOU GET IT?

I WANT THAT ONE.

DAD, CHIKACHAN IS







STARE...



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I SHOULD BE
ALREADY THERE
THOUGH

WHAT
SHOULD I DO?

ANXIETY

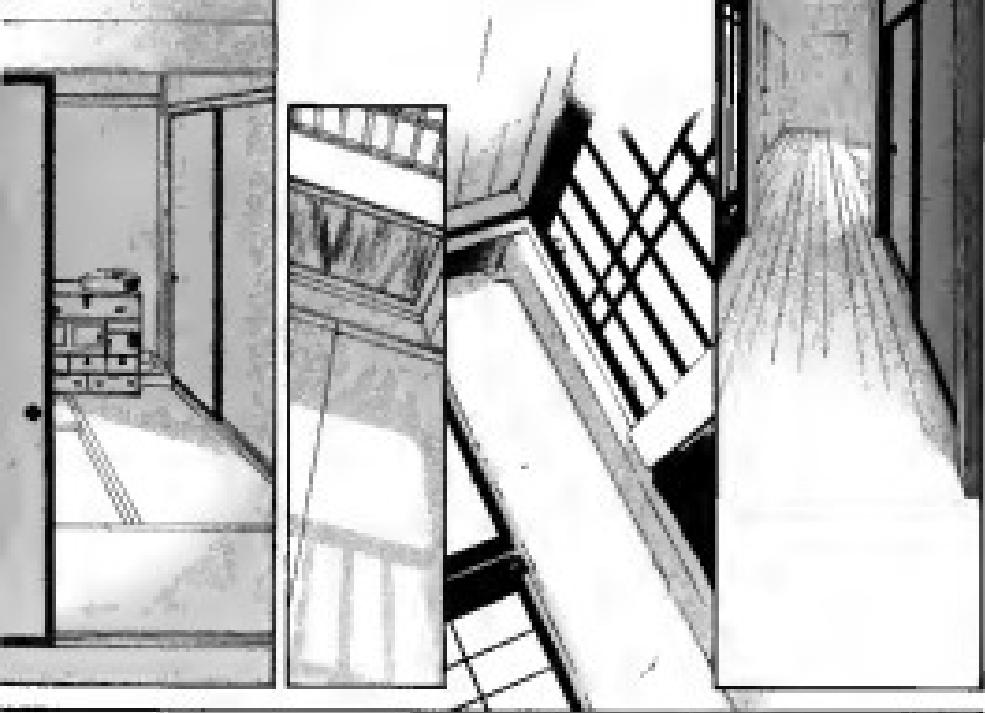


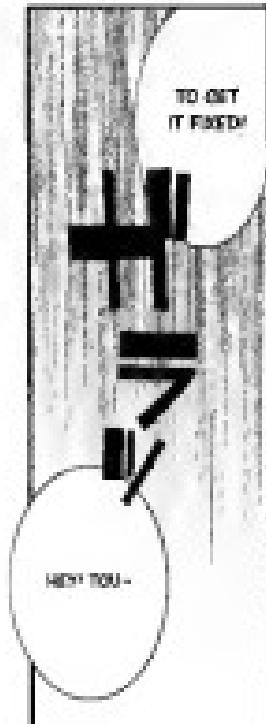




—OCTOPY







WHERE
IS IT?

WELCOME,
WARD LOW!

AWESOME
BEAN CAKES
AND SKEWERED
DUMPLINGS
FROM KATOUYA

TRY ME

THEIR RED
BEAN CURD
IS DELICIOUS!

HE'S LIKE, SUPER STUPID, SO IF HE MAKES A MISTAKE HE WON'T EVEN OPEN THE STORE. SUCH A WASTE, RIGHT?

THE RED TEAM CURRY AND CHICKEN SAMI'S ARE MY MOST FAVOURITE, SEE.

AH, GEN-SAN IS MY FRIEND AND HE RUNS A JAPANESE SWEET STORE, SEE, AND HE ALWAYS GIVES ME EXTRA STUFF

KAROUYA'S DICE DUMPLINGS ARE LIKE, AMAZING.

THEY EVEN MAKE THE DICE SPECIALLY FOR THE DUMPLINGS!

AH, BUT THE DUMPLINGS ARE IMPORTANT TOO! I LOVE HOW SOFT AND STICKY THEY ARE!

WE GET IT ALREADY, SO CALM DOWN, TOUJU

SO THE DUMPLINGS ARE TASTY TOO

YOU HAVE A CUSTOMER!

CHOMP!





IF YOU
COULD HOLD
ON TO THIS
FOR ME



IT DON'T OWE
TO BE IN THIS
CONDITION OF
SHUTTING BUT
YOU WANT TO
PAUSE TIME?



A RING

IT'S QUITE
OLD. ISN'T IT?



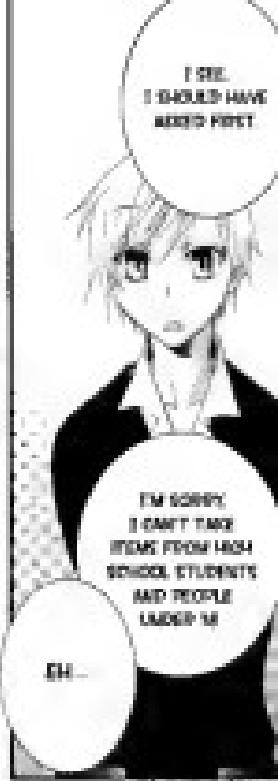
IT'S PROBABLY NOT
WORTH QUITE AS
MUCH AS YOU...



I DON T
CARE HOW
MUCH

PLEASE
TAKE IT







IT'S MY
BROTHER'S

THIS

WELL, YOU'VE
COME ALL THE
WAY HERE SO
I'M SURE YOU
HAVE A REASON

BUT CAN'T
YOU PUT IT IN A
SAFE DEPOSIT
BOX OR A
WAREHOUSE?

AND FURTHERMORE

THAT YOURS
IS IT?

SHE TOLD HIM
TO GIVE IT TO THE
PERSON WHO'S IM-
PORTANT TO HIM
THE ONE HE DECIDES
TO MARRY

YES, HIS MOTHER
LEFT IT TO HIM
WHEN SHE DIED

YOUR
BROTHER'S?

BUT SHE

AT THE
MOMENT MY
BROTHER HAS
A GIRLFRIEND

AND IT SEEMS LIKE
HE MIGHT GIVE
HER THIS DRUG



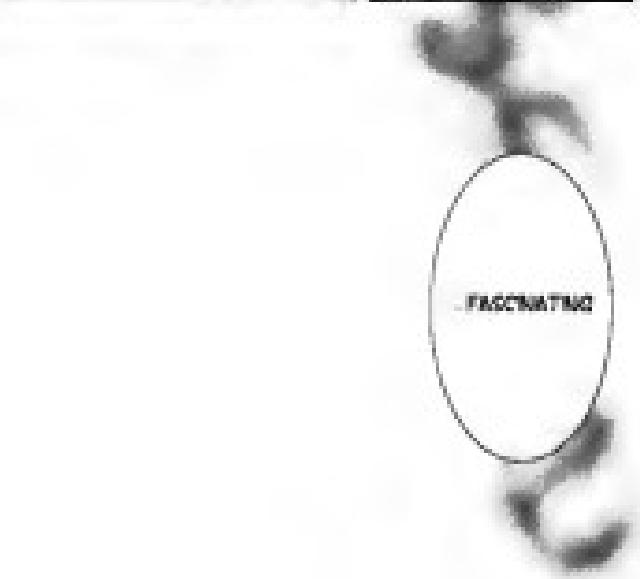














I WONDER
WHAT...

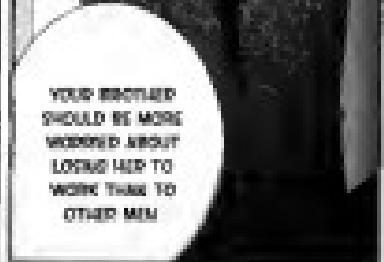
SHE TASTES
LIKE?



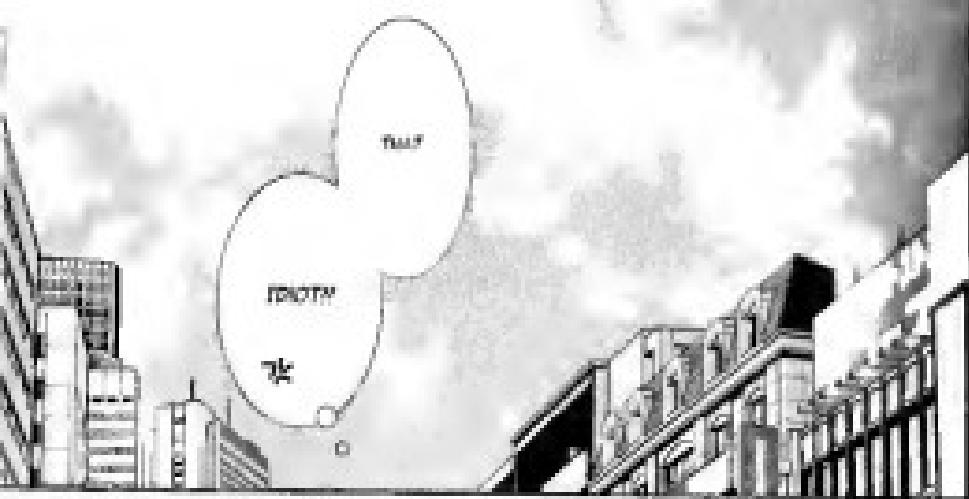








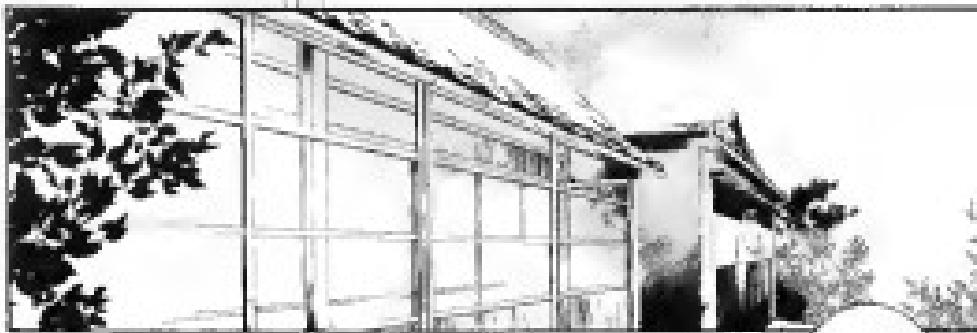




PERHAPS I'LL LOOK
INTO IT AT LEAST

NOT WAY

WELL,



YOU'RE
CATHERINE NOW
AREN'T YOU?

THIS TIME I
FOLLOWED HER TO
BED FROM WORK
AND EVERY TIME
SHE WENT OUT

THE RESULTS
WERE THE SAME
AS BEFORE





YOU'RE THE
EX-ONE AS A
COMPLETE
STRANGER

THE COST OF THINGS
DON'T HAVE ANY-
THING TO DO WITH
LITTLE SISTERS OR
PARENTS BORN TWO

ANYONE ELSE IS AN
OUTSIDER—THAT
INCLUDES YOU,
OF COURSE.

RELATIONSHIP
ISSUES ARE THE
BUSINESS OF THE
PEOPLE IN THE
RELATIONSHIP

!!



IT'S
MY BUSINESS

B'CAUSE
I'M

MY LITTLE
SYSTEM



YOU'RE SAYING
THAT NOW?

ME

I THOUGHT
THE LOOKED
INTERESTING, BUT
NOW I'M GETTING
A WEIRD VIBE FROM
HERP OR SOMETHING

HERP

AREN'T YOU
GONNA FOLLOW
HERP THIS LONG?

I THOUGHT I HAD
FINALLY FOUND
MYSELF SOME
SNACKS

MAYBE IT'S BEST
NOT TO GET
CLOSE TO HERP

WHY
SHOULD I?

FOR THE FUNNIES?

YOU'RE THE
ONE WHO'S
GET A THING
FOR HERP

HERP

STARE...

|||||

HERP

I DON'T MEAN
THIS IDIOT

NO

|||||

AN'S SAYING
LAWLESSLY
THINGS ARE ALWAYS







IT'S UNEXPECTED

I THOUGHT SHE'D BE CRITICAL OF SOMETHING





I'M SORRY...

I INVESTIGATED IT AS BEST AS I COULD AND THE RESULT WAS

YOU CAN FORGET ABOUT IT

I KNOW

I'M SORRY FOR MY RUDENESS

!

MY BAD

ON

YAHOO...
HERE YOU GO



...CRAZY

JUST AN
OCEAN
DOWN

THIS IS



THE MERMAID
SWORD :-)





YOU'RE
LYRIC

IT'D BE NICE IF
IT WAS SOMETHING
SO CONVENIENT

YOU'RE
LYRIC



IF THAT WERE
TRUE, I WOULDN'T
BE STUCK HERE
SERVING A CUP
LIKE THAT

THAT THIS COULD
CREATE WHEAT

...WHATEVER.
COULD YOU JUST
GIVE IT BACK?

MOREOVER,

FROM WHOM HAD
YOU MEANED A
CUP LIKE THAT?

IT'S NATURAL
YOU'D THINK SO
BUT THAT'S AN
HEIRLOOM. I CAN'T
GIVE IT TO YOU FOR
SUCH A FRESH-
MINTED REASON







WILL YOU BE
SATISFIED IN
GETTING IT BY
THOSE MEANS?



YOU SHOULD PUT
YOUR EFFORT
TOWARD SOMETHING
MORE SOLID

ANYWAY WHAT
WILL YOU DO IF
THAT'S A FAKE?
JUST TAKE
ANOTHER ONE?

WHAT

ISN'T IT BETTER TO
TRY AND DO SOME-
THING WITH YOUR OWN
STRENGTH THAN TO
RELY ON SOMETHING
FROM A FAIRY TALE?
THAT'S WHY YOU'RE
ENDED UP IN THIS
SITUATION

I DON'T KNOW
WHAT YOU'RE
WISHING FOR



HAVE THE
THING YOU
WANT

WHAT THEY'
RE SAYING I
SHOULD I DO?

AREN'T THERE SOME
THINGS YOU JUST
CAN'T GET NO MATTER
HOW HARD YOU TRY?
THINGS YOU CAN'T
GET NO MATTER HOW
HARD YOU WISH?

IS TO BECOME YOUR
BROTHER'S LOVED

BRIGHT



YOU













I DON'T KNOW
WHAT TO DO
I DON'T WANT
HIM TO LEAVE
ME EITHER

IF IT HAD TO BE
THIS WAY THEN
I'LL BE HIS LITTLE
SISTER... I'M FINE
JUST BEING HIS
LITTLE SISTER.



I DON'T CARE IF
I CAN'T TELL HIM
I DON'T CARE
IF I'M BEING A
HYPOCRITE



IF MY BROTHER
IS HAPPY,
THAT'S ENOUGH...

AT THE SAME
TIME WE C

SAME AS
ALWAYS

TOUCHED

EVEN THOUGH
HE HATES THE
WEAK-HUMANE



AS IT

MARSHAL A
MUTATION?



ON DEATH

AT IT MAD.
ISN'T HE?

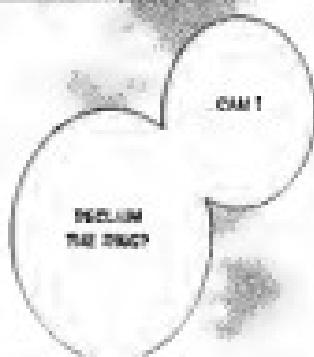


ONLY YOU CAN
JUDGE THE THINGS
YOU DO. DON'T
YOU THINK?

SORRY BUT
I DON'T

WHO
KNOWS?





ONLY BY LEAVING IT AWAY CAN I DECIDE,
IN ADVANCE

A HEART THAT CAN
TRULY WISH FROM THE CORE

AS THE
POWER FOR
PUSHING...

FOR THAT PERSON
TO BE HAPPY

THIS FEELING

WHAT A DAY

...GOES ON

I'M NOT
REALLY MAD

YOU'RE
SO CRUMPY
MAN LOR...

HONESTLY -
YOU GOT SO
INVOLVED THE
MOMENT A GIRL
AROUND YOUR
SISTER'S AGE IS
CONCERNED

I TOLD YOU
THAT GENE-
CHAN WOULD
FEEL BETTER,
DON'T IP

ONE'S THE ONE
WHO GAVE UP
HER FEELING SO
MAYBE YOU MAD?

ARE YOU
STILL MAD?

I DON'T GET YOU
DON'T HUMANS LIKE
FEELING BETTER?

WHAT'S WRONG
WITH THAT?

IF THEY CAN'T
GET A WHISKEY
AND ONE IF PRE-
SENTED TO THEM,
THEY'LL TAKE IT.
WON'T THEY?

THEN SO...
THAT'S STILL A
PART OF YOURSELF

CAN YOU REALLY BE
CATAPOLVED BY JUST...

IT MUST HAVE BEEN
AN APPROPRIATE IF IT
FOUGHT ABOUT THE
MERMAID SWOOSH.

SHE SAID SHE
DIDN'T REALLY
REMEMBER.

SOLLO.

IT'S
THE FISH,

I ONLY
REMEMBER
THINKING
THAT IF I GOT
THIS, MY
WISH WOULD
COME TRUE.

BY THE
WAY

WE NEVER FOUND
OUT IN THE END
WHO WAS WHO THE
"CHOO-CHOO"
NAME TALKING
ABOUT WAS.

MORE

THROWING
THAT AWAY...?

I want resolution, but not resolution like
These waters.

I THOUGHT IT
WOULD BE INTER-
ESTING, BUT IF
THAT KIND OF
TROUBLESHOOTING
WASN'T IT?

OTHER WAY,
IT'S UNSETTLING.
BUT IT'S YOU WHO'S
LIVING IT AND ALL.

IT MUST
HAVE BEEN CON-
TROLLING HER TO
TRY AND GET
THE MERMAID
SWOOSH, BUT

IT DIDN'T DO MUCH
HIS IT BECAUSE IT
STUNG MY FATHER'S
PRESENCE? IT MUST'VE
HAVE REALLY BEEN
SERIOUS PAIN.

THAT'S
ANOTHER BAD
JOKE, ISN'T IT?

HUH?

YOU SHOULD
BE CAREFUL,
MAN LION.

I have my doubts
but with someone
like that...

NOT JUST OF
HUMANS BUT OF
YOUTH TOO.

I HOPE THIS SWORD
THAT CAN CURE
WISHES SINCE
DOESN'T BECOME
A PUNISHMENT.









WAY OF ALL THINGS

I GOT IT,
YOU'RE TIRED

DID MY SISTER HAVE TO LEAVE ME
ME A CRYSTAL AS A REMINDER?

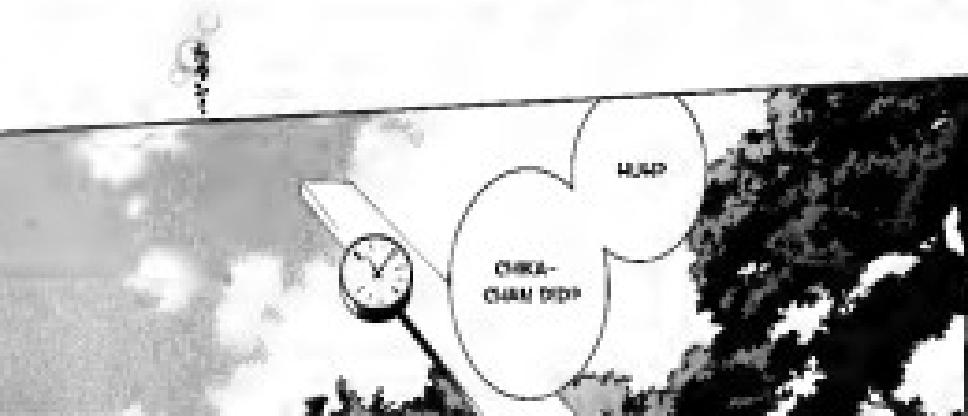
SWEET THINGS
ARE GOOD FOR
TIMES LIKE THIS.
HOW ABOUT YOU
GO BUY SOME?

IT'S A LITTLE FAR,
BUT A NEW SWEET
STORE HAS OPENED.
YOU WANT TO
CHECK IT OUT?
DON'T WORRY.

OH, BUT I
RECOMMEND
GEM-DAM'S SWEET
BEAN JELLY TOO!

THEM
THEM'S

THAUGHT TO
THAT I HAVE
A LOT OF
SLAVERY
ANDS OF ME



WHAT IS SHE
THINKING...

THAT'S GOOD.
ISN'T IT NICE SHE
CHEERED UP A BIT?
YOU WERE WORRIED
ABOUT HER INJURIES.

IF SHE HAS
THEIR THINGS
GOOF ON

THE WHITE
ONE IS MINE

YEAH, IT GAVE ME
A SHOCK SHE
GOT UP BEFORE I
DID AND MADE IT
THROUGH
HER INJURIES
AND ALL THAT STUFF

SHE SAID
I SHOULD EAT
IT WITH YOU



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